IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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APPARATUS THEREOF

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Confirmation No. 7028 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Commissioner from the decision of the Examiner in the Office Action dated 20 November 2002 to finally reject Claims 1-11 and 18-29. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Appeal fee under Fee Code 1401. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.39147X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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